

BULLETIN

Sept 2003



Next Meeting: Sept 24, 2003 @ The Hindquarter Restaurant

7040 Miramar Road

San Diego, Ca

Social Hour, 5:30 P.M. Dinner, 6:30 P.M. Meeting 7:00 P.M.

Join Jim McCook W6YA in the beautiful country of Slovenia. Largely a trip to visit hams, their stations, and their antennas, it was also to enjoy the beauty of the countryside and the great hospitality that this country is well noted for. Slovenia was the site for the WPT in 2000, considered by some to

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A Word From The Prez by John, K6AM



Another great W6YA summer bash is in the log. My thanks to Jim for being a gracious host again. Thanks as well to Pat, WA6MHZ, and Bud, N7CW for their assistance with the eats. Couldn't have done it without you guys. Had a good crowd with over 100 attending again this year. The turnout from LA was excellent. Thanks to the SCDXC for kicking in on the expenses. Jim has offered to turn the hosting duties over to another member next time. Be prepared to memorize yet another complicated set of directions.

Planning is already underway for next year's DX convention in Visalia. As is the custom, this one will be put on by the SCDXC with help from us and the Central Arizona boys. I have already offered our services as ticket sellers, check-in clerks, card checkers, and at least one game show host. I'll be asking for volunteers at this month's meeting so be thinking about what you would like to do.

The bands are looking up a bit with good openings on 20 and 17 and occasional openings on 15. The fall contest season kicks off for us with the Cal QSO party early next month followed by the CQWW SSB a few weeks later. Get those antennas shined up and those rotors unfrozen and I'll see you in the pileups.

San Diego DX Club Policy on content of DX Bulletin and/or E-mail Reflector

The San Diego DX Club, a group of Amateur Radio operators, interested in the art of Dxing, publish a monthly newsletter, and maintains an e-mail reflector where members and officers can post information of interest to other members.

Our policy is to print and/or post only information that is related to Amateur Radio, and not items of a political or religious nature, unless it has an impact on Amateur Radio, such as antenna ordinances, etc.

If a member wishes to have printed/posted any topic that is not Amateur Radio related, they can submit a copy to the club newsletter editor, webmaster, e-mail reflector moderator or any club officer, and the matter will be discussed and decided upon by the Board of Directors.

Needed!!! Pictures from the Summer Bash..please send them to Tuck at nz6t@arrl.org

TREASURER'S REPORT

August 31, 2003

Balance as of July 31, 2003: \$2,451.62

Income:

Regular Dues: 10.00

SCDXC Donation: 200.00

TOTAL: 210.00

Expenses: NONE

Balance as of Aug 31, 2003: \$2,661.62

Petty Cash: 20.00

Bal Checking & Petty Cash: \$2,681.82

MEETING MINUTES

August 24, 2003

In place of their regular fourth Wednesday night meeting in August, The San Diego DX club hosted the Annual Southern California Dxr's and Contester's Bash on Sunday, August 24, 2003. The event kicked off at 1300 hours local although many attendees arrived as much as an hour early for the event.

This year the event was held at the home of Honor Roll Dxr Jim McCook, W6YA in Leucadia. The event attracted Contesters and DXers from as far away as San Fernando Valley.

SDDXC President, John Barcroft, K6AM and CW Contester, Bud Semon, N7CW shared cooking chores. In addition to chips and dip, snack mixes, and mixed nuts, there was Barbequed Chicken, Hamburgers, Polish Kebalska Sausage, Potato Salad, Chili and Beans and a wide variety of beverages such as wine, beer, and soft drinks.

Guests continued to arrive and depart throughout the afternoon and although not everyone signed in it is believed that approximately 150 persons attended including ARRL Southwestern Division Director Art Goddard, W6XD and his wife, and Vice Director Tuck Miller, NZ6T and his wife.

Next year's Bash will be hosted by the Southern California DX Club somewhere in the Los

Angeles area.

The event lasted until late afternoon with the final guests departing about 5:00 PM. SDDXC expresses its sincere appreciation to Jim and Patti McCook acting as hosts for this event.

Respectfully Submitted,
HARRY A. HODGES, W6YOO
Secretary/Treasurer

NOTES FROM THE SAN DIEGO AMATEUR RADIO COUNCIL

The Chairman announced the Council is still searching for a candidate to volunteer for the Chairmanship of the committee to put on the 2006 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention to be held in San Diego. The exact dates are still tentative but will be in the August-September 2006 time frame.

The 2004 and 2005 ARRL Southwestern Division conventions will be held in Phoenix, AZ and Riverside, CA respectively.



Wonder what type of reception this person gets???

Visalia International DX Convention
April 23, 24 & 25 2004
Visalia, Ca

Please Note New Dates

The Southern California DX Club is proud to announce that the 55th Annual International DX Convention Will be held at The Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center Visalia. The Date Will be April 23, 24 & 25 2004. The Holiday Inn will begin taking reservations May 15, 2003 at 9:00am Pacific Time (1600z). Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-465-4329 (US) or DX stations can call 559-651-5000 or Fax: 559-651-5014. Online reservation information can be found at www.visaliaholidayinn.com.

We would like to thank the [Northern California DX Club](#) for their superb effort with the 2003 convention. We look forward to seeing all of you again in 2004.

We would also like to thank the sponsors and vendors for their generous support.

We have had a lot of e-mails about the change in dates for next years convention. The convention was originally scheduled for the first weekend in April and that is what was announced at the banquet.

After returning from the convention it was brought to the convention committees attention that this would cause a major conflict with another Hamfest that all of the manufactures go to every year. It would have been tantamount to having it the same weekend as Dayton and cause major problems for the vendors and others. Therefore the committee was forced to make the change. The committee apologizes for any confusion or inconvenience but the change was necessary.

If you made reservations at the John Jay you will need to call and change the dates. Their phone number is 559-651-3700.

Again the dates for the convention are April, 23, 24, & 25 2004.

2004 Southwestern Division Convention
August 27-29, 2004
Phoenix, Arizona
at the
[Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort and Spa](#)

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ARRL Changes Contest Rules

The ARRL Contest Branch has announced rule changes governing ARRL-sponsored operating events. The changes become effective November 1, 2003.

In any contest that requires off-time, any claimed off-time period must be at least 30 minutes long. "Remember that listening time counts as operating time when calculating off-time," said ARRL Contest Branch Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND.

Second, the Northwest Territories (NWT) multiplier has been renamed "Northern Territories"--abbreviated NT--for contests that use ARRL and Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) sections as part of the exchange. "While not an official RAC section, the VE8, VY1 and VY0 (Northwest Territories, Yukon and Nunavut) are grouped together as a multiplier in the ARRL November Sweepstakes and the ARRL 160-Meter Contest," Henderson explained. "The new name and abbreviation will more accurately describe their makeup." Henderson said use of the NWT abbreviation was inconsistent to designate a multiplier that also included Yukon and Nunavut. Awards for ARRL-sponsored contests will continue to be issued to the VE8, VY1 and VY0 together as the Northern Territories section.

Finally, in contests using geopolitical entities as multipliers--the ARRL RTTY Roundup, the ARRL International DX Contest and the ARRL 10-Meter Contest--the official abbreviation for Northwest Territories is NWT. "This change brings the multipliers for those events into a consistent form,"

Henderson said. ARRL encourages contest participants to update the necessary files for their logging software.

For more information, contact Henderson [<n1nd@arrl.org>](mailto:n1nd@arrl.org).

(Taken from the ARRL Letter Sept 12, 2003)

**Wise men have something to say....
Fools have to say something!!**

DXCC Annual List deadline approaching:

The ARRL DXCC Desk says the deadline to submit applications for the 2003 DXCC Annual List is rapidly approaching. Applications must be postmarked no later than September 30, 2003. For more information, contact DXCC Manager Bill More, NC1L, dxcc@arrl.org.

It's Party Time....again!! K6ZH, is retiring

Jim Price, K6ZH, is retiring from the Navy lab on Point Loma (where Rick, N6ND worked) - variously called NEL, NOSC, NRaD, and currently SPAWAR Systems Center. His retirement party will be at the San Diego Yacht Club on Point Loma on Thursday, October 2, from 5 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person, and will include hors d'oeuvres and drinks. All are cordially invited. If you'd like to be there, please contact Jim directly at 619-286-3255 or e-mail: jnprice@pacbell.net

Local VHF Frequencies For Dxers

Frequency	Call	Mode	Other Info
144.415	QRZ?	Simplex	Voice announcing and chat frequency.
144.950	KM6K	Packet	San Diego Central
145.690	K6KT	Packet	North County inland

The packet cluster nodes are privately operated.
The Sysops have kindly invited the SDDXC members to use their equipment.



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